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The residents of the locality were surprised when they were drafted for agricultural cooperative work. The authorities intend to make up the unfulfilled quota by paying only half the regular daily wage to the Kisoroszi residents for their work in the agricultural cooperatives.

PENALTY FOR SHOWING STAKHANOVITE WORK TO BE IMPRACTICAL

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From time to time, the Communists send out Stakhanovites to give so-called work demonstrations. It is not expedient to criticize the work of the Stakhanovites or to attempt to prove that their work is merely a false pretext. People who dare to make such attempts are immediately arrested by the AVH.

An example of what happens when people criticize the work of the Stakhanovites can be seen in the following two cases which took place at the nitrogen plant in Petfurdo:

In the first case, a Stakhanovite welder who gave a work demonstration in the factory succeeded in welding two pieces of iron together in a few minutes. After he had completed his work demonstration, an elderly worker, a certain Jozsef Horvath, hit the iron piece in the presence of the Stakhanovite, and it broke into two pieces at the welding seam. Horvath then welded the two pieces together again. It took him a little longer to do it, but the iron withstood the same blow to which it was subjected before without breaking.

Jozsef Horvath was arrested on the spot by the AVH. Nobody has ever heard of his whereabouts since.

In the second case a Stakhanovite bricklayer who gave a work demonstration was challenged by Jozsef Farago, an elderly worker, and an experienced bricklayer to a bricklaying contest. The Stakhanovite had, of course, to accept the challenge, which consisted of building a wall. Farago won, despite the attempts made to help the Stakhanovite and to make it difficult for the bricklayer.

The final result was that the wall built by the Stakhanovite had to be torn down because it was defective, and 2 days after his challenge, Farago was arrested and taken away.

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